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For : THREE DIMENSIONAL IMAGE CAPTURING DEVICE



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Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,512,997, to OGAWA, issued on April 30, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,081,530, to MEDINA, issued on January 14, 1992;

PCT International Patent Publication No. WO 97/01111, published on January 9, 1997; and

"Design and Development of a Multi-Detecting Two-Dimensional Ranging Sensor", S. CHRISTIE et al., Measurement Science and Technology, vol. 6, pp. 1301-1308, published June 6, 1995.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials and patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner

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is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

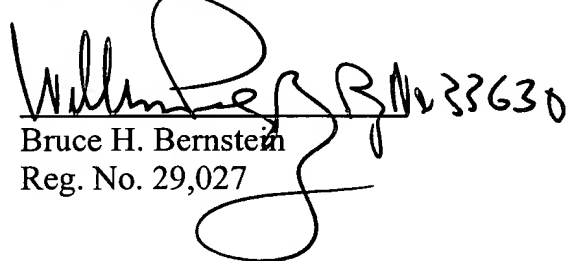
Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/315,821, to H. AOKI et al., filed on May 21, 1999 and entitled "Three-Dimensional Image Recording System".

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application, Applicant will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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